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Form PTO 948 (Rev. 8-98)

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Application No. 9/430,735

NOTICE OF DRAFTSPERSON'S PATENT DRAWING REVIEW

The drawing(s) filed (insert date) 10-29-99 are:

- A. approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.
B. objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. The Examiner will require submission of new, corrected drawings when necessary. Corrected drawing must be submitted according to the instructions on the back of this notice.

1. DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings
Black ink. Color.
Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted.
Fig(s) _____
2. PHOTOGRAPHS. 37 CFR 1.84 (b)
1 full-tone set is required. Fig(s) _____
Photographs not properly mounted (must use bristol board or photographic double-weight paper). Fig(s) _____
Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s) _____
3. TYPE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(e)
Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable.
Fig(s) _____
Erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, copy machine marks not accepted. Fig(s) _____
Mylar, velum paper is not acceptable (too thin).
Fig(s) _____
4. SIZE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes:
21.0 cm by 29.7 cm (DIN size A4)
21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (8 1/2 x 11 inches)
All drawing sheets not the same size
Sheet(s) _____
Drawings sheets not an acceptable size. Fig(s) _____
5. MARGINS. 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins:
Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm
SIZE: A4 Size
Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm
SIZE: 8 1/2 x 11
Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) _____
Top (T) _____ Left (L) _____
Right (R) _____ Bottom (B) _____
6. VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h)
REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes.
Partial views. 37 CFR 1.84(h)(2)
Brackets needed to show figure as one entity.
Fig(s) _____
Views not labeled separately or properly.
Fig(s) _____
Enlarged view not labeled separately or properly.
Fig(s) _____
7. SECTIONAL VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84 (h)(3)
Hatching not indicated for sectional portions of an object.
Fig(s) _____
Sectional designation should be noted with Arabic or Roman numbers. Fig(s) _____
8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(j)
Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s) _____
9. SCALE. 37 CFR 1.84(k)
Scale not large enough to show mechanism without crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction.
Fig(s) _____
10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(l)
Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality).
Fig(s) 2-10
11. SHADING. 37 CFR 1.84(m)
Solid black areas pale. Fig(s) _____
Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s) _____
Shade lines, pale, rough and blurred. Fig(s) _____
12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(p)
Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible.
Fig(s) 2-10
Figure legends are poor. Fig(s) 2-10
Numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(1)
Fig(s) _____
English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2)
Figs _____
Numbers, letters and reference characters must be at least .32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3)
Fig(s) _____
13. LEAD LINES. 37 CFR 1.84(q)
Lead lines cross each other. Fig(s) _____
Lead lines missing. Fig(s) _____
14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(i)
Sheets not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals beginning with number 1. Sheet(s) _____
15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(u)
Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, beginning with number 1. Fig(s) _____
16. CORRECTIONS. 37 CFR 1.84(w)
Corrections not made from prior PTO-948 dated _____
17. DESIGN DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.152
Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s) _____
Solid black shading not used for color contrast.
Fig(s) _____

COMMENTS

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INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES

1. Correction of Informalities--37 CFR 1.85

File new drawings with the changes incorporated therein. The application number or the title of the invention, inventor's name, docket number (if any), and the name and telephone number of a lawyer or agent of the Office is needed to match the drawings to the proper application; should be placed on the back of each sheet of drawings in accordance with 37 CFR 1.84(c). Applicant may delay filing of the new drawing until receipt of the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37). Extension of time may be requested under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.17(e). The drawing should be filed as a separate paper with a cover letter addressed to the Drawing Processing Branch.

2. Timing for Corrections

Applicant is required to submit acceptable drawings within three months from the shortened statutory period set in the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37) if no extension of time is requested by the applicant and if no change to have acceptable drawings is required within the original three-month period, or within the necessity of obtaining an extension of time by paying the extension fee. Therefore, applicant should file corrected drawings as soon as possible.

Failure to take corrective action within set (or extended, per 1.17(e)) period leads to ABANDONMENT of the Application.

3. Corrections other than Informalities Need to be Drawn Review Branch on the Form PTO-948

All changes to the drawings other than informalities noted by the Drawing Review Branch must be approved by the examiner before the application will be allowed. If a drawing is rejected, it must be made acceptable by the applicant and/or the examiner, who approves the proposed changes.

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